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REF: A. STATE 165589, B. STATE 155101, C. BRASILIA 4962,
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1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY NOTES THAT USDA DRAFT OF PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT DOES NOT COVER ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-GROUP ON AGRICULTURE, AS CLEARLY AGREED ON DURING PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT IN MARCH. FURTHERMORE, NO PROVISION MADE FOR POSSIBILITY OF OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES'S PARTICIPATION. FINALLY, WE FEEL BRIEFER, LESS FORMAL DOCUMENT WOULD MEET NEEDS AND PROBABLY BE PREFERRED BY GOB. IN VIEW OF RESERVATIONS, BUT PRIMARILY BECAUSE EMBASSY CONCERNED FONMIN MIGHT RESTRICT DELEGATION FROM DISCUSSING PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT JULY 5-6 IF ADVANCE COPIES PROVIDED, WE DO NOT PROPOSE PASS TO GOB UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED. EMBASSY COULD DISCUSS WITH FONMIN FOLLOWING WASHINGTON MEETING. END SUMMARY.

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2. EMBASSY APPRECIATES RECEIPT OF DRAFT PROPOSED TEXT AND WELCOMES OPPROTUNITY TO COMMENT. WE NOTE THAT, WHILE AGREED ON BETWEEN GOB AND US DURING PRESIDENT CARTER VISIT, ANNOUNCED IN MARCH 30 COMMUNIQUE AND MENTIONED IN VIRTUALLY ALL PREVIOUS REFERENCES, THE DRAFT STATEMENT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY CALL FOR SETTING UP SUB-GROUP ON AGRICULTURE. RATHER, BASED ON AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE, TWO "WORKING GROUPS" WOULD BE ESTABLISHED: ON ON AGRICULTURE

PRODUCT UTILIZATION AND ONE AT SCIENTIFICE COOPERATION.
IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS AGREEMENT ON A SUBJ-GROUP ON AGRICULTURE
BY BOTH US AND GOB, EMBASSY PUZZLED OVER REASONS FOR ELIMINATION.

3. ALTHOUGH THERE IS NO SPECIFIC PROHIBITION MENTIONED IN THE DRAFT TEXT TO PARTICIPATION BY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FROM EITHER SIDE, WE WISH TO SUGGEST THAT ARTICLE II BE MODEIFIED TO INCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF PARTICIPATION BY SUCH AGENCIES IN ADDITON TO THE SCIENTIFCN ACADEMIC AND BUSINESS AND COMMUNITIES ALREADY IDENTIFIED. THE INCLUSION OF THIS REFERENCE WOULD BE NO WAY ALTER ARTICLE VI THAT IDENTIFIES THE COORDINATING OFFICES FOR THE AGREEMENT IN BOTH WASHINGTON AND BRASILIA.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES LESS FORMAL DOCUMENT SHOULD SUFFICE AND LIKELY PREFERABLE TO GOB. IN VIEW OF REF C INDICATING FONMIN RESERVATIONS ABOUT SCOPE OF JULY 5-6 MEETINGS, WE FEEL IT INADVISABLE TO PASSTEXT TO GOB AT THIS TIME. EMBASSY FEELS THAT FONMIN MIGHT LIKELY RESTRICT DELEGATION FROM DISCUSSING DRAFT TEXT AND LIMIT TO DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS ONLY. IN ANY CASE, THE GOB, GOTH FONMIN AND AGMIN, HAVE INDICATED THAT MATERIALS AND INFORMATION FROM JULY 5-6 MEETING WILL BE STUDIED UPON RETURN TO BRAZIL LOOKING TOWARDS A LATER (SEPT/OCT) MEETING TO FORMALLY ESTABLISH THE SUB-GROUP.

5. ANY DISCUSSION OF JOINT STATEMENT OR DRAFT PROTOCOL OF COOPERATION SHOULD BE REPORTED TO EMBASSY IN DETAIL IN ORDER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT EMBASSY WILL BE IN POSITION TO FOLLOW UP WITH BOTH MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOREIGN MINISTRY.

6. (FOOTNOTE: ALL REFERENCES SHOULD BE "FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL", NOT FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF BRAZIL" IN JOINT STATEMENT.)
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